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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF CUBAN PRESENCE IN KAMPALA

FOLLOWING IS AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN'S REPORT (FRG
NUMBER 93) ON CUBAN PRESENCE IN UGANDA. MESSAGE WAS
RECEIVED 1745Z MARCH 2.

BEGIN TEXT.

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED
REPORTS THAT CUBAN TROOPS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE
STOPPED IN UGANDA. ONE RUMOR PURPORTS THAT THERE ABOUT
2000 (A NUMBER WHICH I CONSIDER GREATLY EXAGGERATED).
ANOTHER REPORT CLAIMS THAT TROOPS ARE PARTLY STATIONED
AROUND THE AIRPORT BUILDINGS AT ENTEBBE.

SINCE AMIN ACTUALLY FEARED AN AMERICAN INVASION
AND FOR THIS REASON COULD HAVE CALLED FOR HELP FROM
CUBANS AND LIBYANS, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT DISMISS THESE
RUMORS. LIBYAN MIGS-23 (NOT 21) WITH LIBYAN MARKINGS
ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ALONGSIDE CUBAN TROOPS AT THE OLD
AIRPORT AT ENTEBBE. THIS INFORMATION IS SOMEWHAT
RELIABLE. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THERE ARE MORE LIBYAN

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MIGS AT THE MAIN AIRBASE IN GULU. AN EYEWITNESS
REPORTED THAT LAST SATURDAY NIGHT THE NEW AIRPORT
BUILDING WAS AN ARMED FORTRESS. ONE IS SUPPOSED TO
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRIP OVER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND
PISTOLS IN THE VIP LOUNGE.

2. HYSTERIA ABOUT AN AMERICAN INVASION WAS

POSSIBLY PLAYED UP BY AMIN IN ORDER THAT CUBAN TROOPS, WHEN THEY ACTUALLY WOULD ARRIVE, WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN HIS OWN POSITION AND SECURITY IN THE COUNTRY. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE SO-CALLED "TIGER" REGIMENT IN MUBENDE, 70 PERCENT OF WHICH CONSISTS OF LANGUIS AND ACHOLIS, HAS MORE OR LESS BEEN DISBANDED.

3. EACH FURTHER ESCALATION IN UGANDAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL, WITH SOME PROBABILITY, BE USED BY AMIN TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER MILITARY AID. THAT THE SOVIETS CONSIDER THE LIBYANS AND CUBANS (SIC) AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE SEEMS TO BOTHER NEITHER THE LIBYANS NOR THE SOVIETS, SINCE THE INDEED DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES (LIBYAN "MOSLEMIZATION" AND SOVIET CONQUEST OF A NEW SOVIET-INFLUENCED STRONGPOINT) HAVE, AT PRESENT, THE SAME INTERESTS: FURTHER ELIMINATION OF WESTERN INFLUENCES. ELLERKMANN"

END TEXT.
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